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DLNR TO BEGIN IMPROVEMENTS TO WAI‘ANAPANAPA STATE PARK WATER SYSTEM

WAI‘ANAPANAPA, HANA, MAUI — Starting Monday, February 2, 2009 the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) will begin construction work at Wai‘anapanapa State Park to replace the potable water system that serves the day use, camping, and the rental cabin sections.

“These long-awaited improvements are a key component of the Lingle-Aiona Administration’s ongoing efforts to upgrade our aging state parks facilities and infrastructure statewide, and to ensure public health and safety for those who use the parks,” said Laura H. Thielen, DLNR chairperson.

Work on the park’s east section serving the 12 rental cabins will take place from February 2 through March 31, 2009.

The day use area of the park, including the beach area, and the comfort station will remain **open** while the waterline project is underway.

There may be some delays in entering or leaving the park due to the construction. However the road to the rental cabins will be **closed**, along with unreserved cabins.

Work on the park’s west day use section will begin February 23, 2009. Improvements will include the installation of a water system back-flow preventer and replacement of water main laterals to this section of the park, which serve the park caretaker’s office/residence, comfort station, outdoor shower, service hose bibs, and several water fountains.

The park’s entrance on Honokalani Road may require temporary closure during March – April,

as well as intermittent shutoff of water service to the park in order to connect the new water system with the main service line along the roadway. The closure will be planned during the non-peak period and take a few hours.

No new cabin reservations or camping permits will be issued during the construction period. State Parks staff and the contractor will work to accommodate park users holding previously approved cabin reservations and camping permits. These permittees were informed of the construction work, noise and delays at the park and may either decide to retain their permit or cancel with a full refund

“The contractor will utilize appropriate safety barriers and practices and traffic control to ensure the public’s safety,” Thielen said. “We appreciate park users’ understanding and will try to minimize inconveniences as we work to provide improved facilities for residents and visitors.”

The contractor is Goodfellow Brothers Inc. and the water system project cost is approximately \$500,000. Construction work is scheduled to be completed in July 2009.

In addition to this project, DLNR is working on other improvements identified in the park’s master plan and included in DLNR’s Recreational Renaissance, such as relocating the camping area; constructing a new camping comfort station, and major cabin improvements.

Wai‘anapanapa State Park is located in Hana, 52.8 miles east of Kahului Airport, along a remote, wild, low-cliffed volcanic coastline. The 122-acre park offers cabin lodging, camping, picnicking, shore fishing and hardy family hiking along the ancient Hawaiian Ke Ala Loa O Maui/Pi‘ilani coastal trail which leads to Hana.

It offers excellent opportunities to view a seabird colony and anchialine pools, a native *hala* (pandanus) forest, a legendary sea cave, heiau (religious temple), natural stone arch, sea stacks, blow holes and a small black sand beach. Services include restrooms, camping and lodging, outdoor showers, drinking water and pay phone.

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